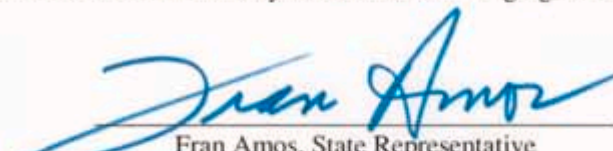# STATE OF MICHIGAN

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

To

THE LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is with deep appreciation for all of the hard work, commitment, and planning this occasion represents that we congratulate the Library of Michigan, as the primary institutional force behind the vision and realization of the Michigan eLibrary, and the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries for the recent recognition of excellent government-to-citizen return through the Michigan eLibrary. This innovative and effective use of technology to benefit the citizens of the State of Michigan has been honored by the Center for Digital Government in receiving a Digital Government Achievement Award. As members of the community and the people behind this enterprise gather to celebrate this event and express their confidence, we are proud to add our voice to commend everyone who has worked to make this recognition possible.

As with any venture of this magnitude, there were a great many individuals and organizations that worked collaboratively in order to make the Michigan eLibrary the vital, cutting-edge resource that has proven to be. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the citizens of Michigan, to thank the Institute for Museum and Library Services, whose contribution of Library Services and Technology Act funds has helped to make this service available; the Michigan Digitization Task Force; the MeL Internet selectors, who ensure that MeL Internet Web resources are authoritative, timely, relevant, and virtually free of advertising or sponsors; the many vendors and partners that have provided, and continue to provide, implementation and administrative work that support MeL components, content and services, making MeL the robust information hub that it is; and the many other task forces, committees of librarians, and library supporters who have made—and continue to make—the Michigan eLibrary a vital, cutting-edge resource.

The Michigan eLibrary has a profound impact on, and offers many advantages to, the State of Michigan in that it puts library resources, literally, at the fingertips of every citizen of Michigan. The ability to reach deep-Web resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, that simply are not available in a traditional open-Web search, will further the efforts of students, teachers, business owners, health professionals, parents, etc., and allow them to utilize the expertise that librarians exude in navigating the myriad of informational resources in existence today. This, in turn, will aid in the State's quest to draw business leaders and research-based organizations alike. Furthermore, as the people of the State of Michigan well know, the faith in the future that this investment indicates provides a boost every bit as notable as economic factors in generating pride and enthusiasm.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to commemorate the reception of the Digital Government Achievement Award by the Michigan eLibrary. We join together in gratitude and support for the incomparable gift that the Michigan eLibrary has provided to the citizens of this State. May the future bring great success and satisfaction to everyone involved in bringing this wonderful resource to fruition.

Fran Amos, State Representative
The Forty-Third District

The Ninety-Third Legislature
At Lansing
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